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1. A method of installing licensed software on an end user's computer comprising:
2 providing an end user computer having a program storage device and a unique
3 computer identifier distinguishing the end user computer from other computers;
4 providing a network computer having access to a program storage device containing
5 software for license to end users and a program storage device containing a
6 database listing computer identifiers licensed to run the software;
7 using the network computer to contact the end user computer and determine its end
8 user computer identifier;
9 verifying listing of the end user computer identifier in the network computer database;
10 downloading the software from the network computer; and
11 installing the downloaded software on the end user computer program storage device.

1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the unique computer identifier is selected from the
2 group consisting of a BIOS serial number and a network adapter address.

1 3. The method of claim 1 wherein on installation on the end user computer program
2 storage device, the software comprises a program for execution on the end user computer.

1 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the network computer includes a plurality of
2 different software and, prior to downloading the software, further including:
3 identifying to the end user computer all of the software on the network computer
4 program storage device listed as licensed by the computer identifier of the end
5 user computer; and
6 sending from the end user computer to the network computer a selection of the
7 software to be downloaded,
8 and thereafter downloading and installing on the end user computer program storage
9 device the selected software.

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1 13. A method of installing licensed software on an end user's computer comprising:

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1 19. A computer program product for use with a network computer and an end user's
2 computer, said computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having
3 computer readable program code means embodied in said medium for installing licensed

